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Mail Stop: Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: 10/673,922; Filed: September 30, 2003
For: **Methods and Systems to Compensate for a Stitching Disturbance of a Printed Pattern in a Maskless Lithography System Not Utilizing Overlap of the Exposure Zones**
Inventors: Arno BLEEKER *et al.*
Our Ref: 1857.1760000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-10 and 21-22. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without Traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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